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FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS CAPABLE OF SHORTENING START UP

TIME OF FIXING DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.115

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.